

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DAMPER ASSEMBLY WITH TORQUE LIMITER, the specification of which

is attached hereto.

was filed on December 14, 2001, as United States Application No. 10/014,521 or PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>	
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ Filing Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby appoint Nelson H. Shapiro, Reg. No. 17,095, Mitchell W. Shapiro, Reg. No. 31,568, and the other practitioners associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and direct that all correspondence be addressed to that Customer Number:

Customer Number 000181.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Date: January 24, 2002 Signature: Hiroshi Yabe

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Name: Mitchell W. ShapiroRegistration No. 31,568Address: Miles & Stockbridge P.C.1751 Pinnacle Drive, Suite 5006. Total number of applications and patents involved: 17. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): ..... \$ 40.00 Enclosed - Any excess or insufficiency should be credited or debited to deposit account Authorized to be charged to deposit account

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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Mitchell W. ShapiroMitchell W. Shapiro

January 31, 2002

Signature

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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS I/we, the undersigned (hereinafter referred to ASSIGNOR), have invented a certain improvement in

**DAMPER ASSEMBLY WITH TORQUE LIMITER**

for which I am/we are about to make/have made application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, identified as  
Application No. 10/014,521      filed on December 14, 2001      , and

WHEREAS      NSK-WARNER K.K.

(hereinafter ASSIGNEE), a corporation duly organized under the laws of Japan, and having its principal office at

6-3, Ohsaki 1-chome, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo, Japan  
and duly represented by      SETSUO UENO      , its President, is desirous of acquiring the same.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the payment of lawful money and other consideration, the receipt of which I/we hereby acknowledge, ASSIGNEE hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right for the territory of the United States of America in and to said invention as described in the specification entitled as above preparatory of obtaining Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor, and an invention to be described in a reissue, division, continuation or continuation-in-part application, if this be filed in later; said invention, application, and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE for his own use and behoof, and for his legal representative, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me/us had this assignment and sale not been made.

By: Hirosaki Yabe  
HIROSHI YABE

Dated: January 24, 2002

By: DAI Okamura  
DAI OKAMURA

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